

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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October 25, 2013

Mr. Matt McFarlane, Senior Permitting Analyst Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin P.O. Box 8 Eau Claire, WI 54702-0008

Re: Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin to

Remove, Replace, and Double-Circuit 36 Miles of Transmission Facilities from 69 kV to 161/69 kV, Between the Couderay and Osprey Substations in Sawyer and Rusk Counties, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. McFarlane:

Order Point 5 of the Commission's Final Decision issued October 25, 2012, in this docket provides that authorization to construct the above-stated project is valid only if construction is started within one year of the issuance of the Final Decision. By your letter dated October 24, 2013, you request an extension of that deadline to accommodate the completion of construction of the Stone Lake to Couderay 69 kV project scheduled to be in service in the fourth quarter of 2014. As you describe, the Stone Lake to Couderay line is required to be in service before the existing Couderay to Osprey transmission line can be taken out of service to permit reconstruction.

The Commission has delegated authority under Wis. Stat. § 15.02(4) to the Administrator of the Division of Gas and Energy to authorize routine requests for extension of compliance deadlines.

Your request for extension of the deadline provided in Order Point 5 of the Final Decision in this docket is hereby approved. The requirement for starting construction on this project is extended to January 31, 2015. Please note that all other provisions of the Final Decision in this docket are unchanged.

Sincerely,

Robert Norcross Administrator

Gas and Energy Division

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